

PLAN ARSENAL FIRE EXHIBIT

Demonstrations Set For Wednesday

How to cope with gas, electrical, chemical, oil and other types of fires will be demonstrated in a special fire-fighting show at Joliet arsenal Wednesday afternoon, in conjunction with Fire Prevention week, now being observed.

Col. Carroll Hudson, commanding officer of the arsenal, is inviting fire department officials and Joliet to view the demonstration, to be preceded by a parade from Group 60—the administration area—to the burning pit of the EOP portion of the arsenal area.

THERE WILL be a display and parade of all mechanized mobile fire equipment units at the plant, the various types of fire-fighting hand operated equipment, the first aid hospital unit and guard force. Activities are scheduled to start at 4:30 p.m.

In addition to the visiting firemen, all employees of the plant will be given an opportunity to view the demonstration. Arrangements will be made with the plant protection division and guard force for admittance of outsiders to the plant area for the program.

The committee in charge of the activity consists of the plant safety council, headed by Lt. Col. Raymond Costabile and plant protection, safety and security officers; aided by Fire Chief Roy Mortenson, Guard Chief M. C. Baughman, E. A. Evans, chief engineer, and Capt. C. P. Traver, public relations officer.

THRUOUT the week, employees will participate in fire drills and other activities designed to promote the fire protection theme as asked by President Truman in a proclamation sent to all government plants and installations.

The proclamation read in part: "Whereas, fires threaten this year to exact the greatest toll of lives and the greatest waste of material resources that our nation has ever experienced; and

"Whereas, this destruction is taking place at a time when the entire world is faced with distressing shortages of food and housing and nearly every commodity essential to speedy reconversion to a peacetime economy;

"**NOW**, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning Oct. 6, as Fire Prevention week.

"I ask every citizen to do his part by learning how to detect and eliminate all possible causes of fires in his home and in his business, in order to safeguard both lives and property from the holocaust of fire."